

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Continuation of Rythu Bandhu Scheme for the year 2019-20 - Guidelines for Implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") in Telangana State – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 202

Dated: 01-06-2019

Read the following:-

1. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture
Lr.No.AISS(2)276/2019, Dt: 14/05/2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.231, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 04/04/2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.277, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 21/04/2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No.280, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt:23/04/2018.
5. Lr.No.6377/Agri.II/2018, Dt: 08/10/2018 addressed to all the District Collectors.

ORDER:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture vide reference 1st read above has submitted detailed proposals for continuation of the implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") during 2019-20.

Government, in the reference 2nd read above, have issued orders for implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") for the year 2018-19, with the objective of relieving the farmers from debt burden and not allowing them to fall in the debt trap. This scheme was proposed for providing Initial investment support to Agriculture and Horticulture crops by way of a grant @ Rs. 4000/- per acre per farmer each season towards purchase of inputs like **(1)Seeds, (2)Fertilizers, (3)Pesticides, (4)towards Labor** and other investments in the field operations of farmers' choice for the crop season.

The scheme was successfully implemented during Kharif-2018 and Rabi-2018-19, duly extending it to Agency areas and RoFR (Recognition of Forest Rights) patta holders. The scheme has been appreciated by the entire farming community and also throughout the country and has also brought laurels of FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome) and other International agencies.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister in the last Legislative Assembly session announced that the assistance under Rythu Bandhu shall be enhanced to Rs. 5000/- per acre per season from 2019-20 onwards to all the Agriculture and Horticulture farmers.

During the current year the scheme will be implemented by providing enhanced assistance of Rs. 5000/- per acre per season to all the Pattadars and RoFR title holders, by way of electronic transfer of money through e-Kuber (RBI payment platform) and the bills will be processed through DTO, Ranga Reddy district, as was done during Rabi 2018-19, since the system is streamlined and the DTO, Ranga Reddy is well acquainted with the procedure.

During current year, it is proposed to provide assistance to all the pattadars both during Kharif and Rabi, as per the digitally signed data received from CCLA, prior to every season as done during 2018-19.

However, the detailed guidelines for implementation of the scheme issued during Kharif in the reference 2nd and 3rd read above will be followed including extension of the scheme to the Agency areas to all the RoFR title holders. All the RoFR beneficiaries shall be identified by the District Collectors concerned according to the guidelines issued by the Tribal Welfare Department in consultation with the Forest Department. The data pertaining to the RoFR Patta holders will be obtained from Commissioner Tribal welfare before every season as being done for Revenue Patta holders.

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture is authorized to issue sanction for drawl of funds from the District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District with respect to Rythu Bandhu funds and the DDO nominated from the accounts section of Commissioner & Director of Agriculture shall present the bills on his behalf in the District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District.

Further, the validity time period for re-submission of failure cases is extended from 3 to 6 months, keeping in view the huge number of beneficiaries, as there is a possibility of number of failure cases and accordingly more time may be required for re-submitting the corrected bank account details.

Administrative expenses for scheme implementation will be met from the funds released under the scheme as done during 2018-19

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Give it UP:

"Give it up" pattadar who intend to give up the assistance shall fill in the "Give it up" form and handover the same to the AEO /MAO who in turn will indicate "Give it up" against the PPB in the portal. In all such cases amounts will be summed up and transferred to Telangana Rashtra Rythu Samanvaya Samithi by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture. Wide publicity shall be given at field level with respect to "Give it up" option to create awareness among the pattadars.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE:

The scheme is a top priority scheme to be implemented involving various departments and stake holders. Therefore a State Level Monitoring Committee with the following members is constituted:

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| 1. APC & Principal Secretary (A&C Dept.) | - | Chairman |
| 2. Commissioner & Director of Agriculture | - | Convener |
| 3. Joint Secretary (Finance Dept.) | - | Member |
| 4. Convener, SLBC | - | Member |
| 5. State Information Officer, NIC | - | Member |

The committee will meet periodically to review and monitor the implementation of the scheme in each season.

DISTRICT LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION:

- Scheme will be implemented by the DAOs under the leadership and supervision of concerned District Collectors .The overall responsibility of implementing the scheme in the districts in a smooth and successful manner by utilizing all the resources and machinery available at their command rests with the District Collector concerned.

SCOPE OF AUDIT:

- After the completion of transfer of amounts through e-Kuber, to ensure accuracy of the disbursement to the farmers, Audit has to be conducted.
- The Audit teams will verify the relevant records.
- Audit will be taken up in accordance with the usual procedure prescribed by RBI / NABARD/ CAG
- The audit may be conducted by concurrent auditors, statutory auditors or special auditors or CAG.

Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

There will also be a suitable monitoring and grievance redressal mechanism established by the District Collectors at Mandal, ADA Division and District level and similarly by the C&DA at State level and every representation has to be disposed within (30) days, duly examining the case in consultation with the Revenue Department under the guidance of District Collector.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. Note No.NIL, Dt: 17/05/2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad
The Director of Horticulture& Sericulture, Hyderabad
The State Information Officer, NIC, Hyderabad
All Collectors/JCs/DAOs/DH&SOs
The District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District.

Copy to:

The Spl. Chief Secretary (Revenue Dept.)
The Director, Office of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad
The Convener, SLBC, The President, SLBC and all Nodal Banks in the State
The Director of Treasuries, Hyderabad
The P.S. to Chairman "Telangana Rashtra Rythu Samanvaya Samithi", Hyderabad.
The P.S. to Minister (Finance)
The P.S. to Minister (A&C)
The P.S. to Chief Secretary
The P.S. to Principal Secretary (Finance)
The P.S. to Secretary to Chief Minister
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister
The P.S. to APC & Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Dept.
The General Administration (Cabinet) Department
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